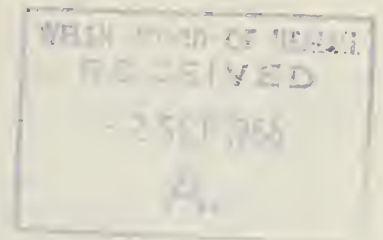


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Report

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Medical Officer of Health

for the year 1965



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Report of the Medical Officer of Health

1965

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report on the sanitary conditions
the state of the public health in the Hay Urban District during the year 1965.

In this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly
with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive
medicine and I have included comments on all the subjects specifically requested in
Circular 1/66 (Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

Section 1. General and Vital Statistics.

Area.....370 acres.

Population.

Census 1931.....1509.
Census 1951.....1452.
Census 1961.....1321.
Estimated Midsummer 1965.....1310.

The Registrar General's estimated population for each of the last ten years is shown
below:

1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.	1962.	1963.	1964.	1965.
1440.	1420.	1430.	1420.	1410.	1310.	1310.	1320.	1320.	1310.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Crude Rate per 1000 Pop.</u>
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Legitimate	12.	13.	25.
Illegitimate	0.	0.	0.

12.	13.	25.	18.3.
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The corrected birthrate was 22.3.

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 18.0.

The district rate was therefore higher than the national average and also higher
than the district death rate.

Illegitimacy. No illegitimate births were registered during the year.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Crude Rate per 1000 Pop.</u>
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19.	14.	33.	25.1
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The corrected deathrate was 14.0.

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.5.

The district rate was therefore higher than the national average but lower
than the district birthrate.

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 live and still births.</u>
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0.	0.	0.	0.
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The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 15.7.

The district rate was therefore lower than the national average.

Infantile Mortality. There was one death registered during the year in a child of
under one year of age, a female.

Total Mortality Rate.....40.0.

Mortality Rate for the whole of England and Wales.....19.0

This child died when under one week old.

Maternal Deaths. No deaths during the year could be attributed to childbirth, which
was very satisfactory.

Maternal Mortality Rate.....0.

Inhabited Houses. The number of inhabited houses was 493 giving an average number
of 2.7 persons per house.

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Deaths from Special Causes.

Infectious Disease.....	Nil.
Respiratory tuberculosis.....	Nil.
Other forms tuberculosis.....	Nil.
Cancer.....	Seven.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths.

Males.....19. Females.....14.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	2.....	1.
Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	0.....	2.
Other malignant neoplasms.....	2.....	0.
Vascular lesions, nervous system.....	4.....	4.
Coronary disease.....	2.....	1.
Other heart disease.....	6.....	2.
Other circulatory diseases.....	0.....	1.
Pneumonia.....	0.....	2.
Congenital malformations.....	0.....	1.
Other defined causes.....	1.....	0.
All other accidents.....	1.....	0.
Suicide.....	1.....	0.

Mortuary and Post Mortem Facilities. During the year, with the kind co-operation of the County Welfare Committee, a room at Cockcroft house continued to be used. Hay R.D.C. also use this building for the same purposes. During the year, alternative post mortem facilities were discussed, and arrangements were made for future post mortem examinations to be performed at Hereford Hospital.

Section 2. General Provisions of Health Services.

Public Health Officers. There were no changes in your public health officers during the year, Mr. W.D.Morgans remaining as your Public Health Inspector. Owing to the absence for the greater part of the year of Mr.W.D.Morgan, caused by illness, assistance was given by Mr. Davies and the P.H.I's of Brecknock R.D.C.

Laboratory Facilities. During the year laboratory facilities were available at Hereford, Cardiff, Newport, Carmarthen, Swansea and Brecon. All water samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford, whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious disease was performed at the Public Health Laboratories at Cardiff and Hereford. All the milk testing was done by the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen.

Nursing and Other Facilities. The County Council is responsible for the provision of the ambulance and home nursing services. The County also administer the maternity and child welfare clinics, where treatment is available for minor ailments, dental, eye and orthopaedic defects. Immunisation against diptheria is also carried out at these clinics.

Hospitals. The hospital needs of the residents of the district for all disease apart from infectious disease are provided by Hereford Hospital and Brecon War Memorial Hospital. Merthyr Isolation Hospital receive cases of infectious disease.

Section 3. Sanitary Circumstances.Water Supplies

The domestic water supply for the two is collected from streams and springs and piped to storage reservoirs. The water is then filtered and chlorinated by drip-feed method and then supplied to the consumers by gravitation.

The two sand filters at the Hay Common Works were cleaned out twice during the year with clean washed sand added.

Owing to the rainfall being above average during the summer no daytime restrictions on consumption were necessary, but the water was turned off at nighttime (10 p.m. to 7 a.m.) from 15th June to 15th September to prevent undue wastage.

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Number of samples taken.....7.
 Number of samples satisfactory.....2.
 Number of samples suspicious.....1.
 Number of samples unsatisfactory.....4.
 Number of houses in the district.....493.
 Number of houses supplied with piped water.....491.

Hay Area Water Scheme

The contractors appointed for carrying out this scheme were Messrs. Grocock & Day of Leicester who started work during the year. The construction of a number of service reservoirs were undertaken and sections of mains laid in the Hay Rural and Painscastle Rural Districts and satisfactory progress has been maintained. Tenders have been invited for the Treatment Works at Llanbwllyn Lake and River Wye Intakes and exploratory soundings taken of the bed of the Lake.

Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board.

The Board was formed in August 1965 and will take over all existing and proposed schemes on 1st April 1966 when the Urban District Council will cease to be responsible for water supplies in their district.

Drainage and Sewerage - Hay Sewerage Scheme.

Further engineering details were prepared during the year by Messrs John H. Haiste & Partners, the Council's Consulting Engineers, and submitted to the Welsh Office of the Ministry of Housing & Local Government and to the Wye River Authority. The Welsh Office stated that authority would be given to invite tenders for the scheme as soon as agreement had been reached on the Trade Waste disposal from the two small factories and slaughterhouse.

Public Cleansing.

Twice weekly collection of house and trade refuse is undertaken in the town by the Council's lorry and workmen jointly with Hay and Painscastle R.D.C. under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector. The refuse being disposed of by controlled tipping on the Clyro refuse tip in Radnorshire about one mile from the town; the tip at Hay having been filled and closed.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The sanitary inspection of the area is undertaken by the Public Health Inspector and the following details give information for 1965:-

Nuisances

Number of complaints received.....23.
 Number of complaints investigated.....23.
 Number of premises inspected.....15.
 Number of Preliminary Notices served :-
 Sanitary Defects.....0.
 Structural Defects.....2.
 Number of Abatement Notices served.....0.

Drainage

Number of visits to drainage work.....32.

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses. There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

Licensed Premises

There are 8 licensed premises, 2 licensed clubs and 3 off-licence shops in the district.
 Number of inspections during 1965.....2.

Shops

Number of inspections.....7.

Caravan Sites

There is no licensed Caravan Site in the district.

Eradication of Bed Bugs

No cases were investigated during the year.

1. The first part of the document is a letter from the author to the editor, dated 10/10/1910. The letter discusses the author's recent visit to the United States and his observations on the state of the country. He mentions that he has been very much impressed by the progress made in various fields, particularly in the area of education and industry. He also expresses his hope that the United States will continue to make significant contributions to the world.

Rodent Control

One full-time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council jointly with Hay R.D.C. and Painscastle R.D.C. and he works under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

Number of premises inspected during 1965.....	251.
Number of premises found infested.....	83.
Number of premises treated by the Rodent Operator.....	60.
Number of premises treated by the Occupier.....	23.
Estimated number of rats killed in 1965.....	611.
Number of dead rats picked up in 1965.....	122.

A total of 15 sewer manholes were treated during the year and 8 showed evidence of rat infestation. 8 road gullies were also treated and 4 showed infestation.

Legal Proceedings

No legal proceedings were undertaken by the Council during the year.

Section 4. Housing

There were 40 applicants on the Council's "waiting list" for houses at 31st. December 1965 and these could be housed as follows:-

- 12 applicants requiring bungalows
- 17 applicants requiring 2-bedroom houses
- 11 applicants requiring 3-bedroom houses

Two of the applicants were living in rooms and three were in caravans, 12 applicants were living in houses which are considered to be unfit.

Housing Grants

There were no applicants for Discretionary Grants received in 1965. Standard Grants for 5 houses were approved during the year.

Number of house to house inspections in 1965.....	21.
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Housing Act 1957

- 1). Number of houses demolished.....1.
- 2). Number of unfit houses closed.....0.
- 3). Number of unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.....3.
- 4). Number of unfit houses in temporary use.....0.
- 5). Number of houses unfit at the end of the year.....76.

Forest Road Housing Site

Planning permission was granted during the year for the erection of Council dwellings on this site to include for 12 bungalows, 16 three-bedroom houses and 2 four-bedroom houses. Part of the site has been set aside for 9 private building plots.

A contract for the provision of roads, sewers and water mains has been commenced, and tenders for the erection of the dwellings are likely to be submitted during 1966.

Section 5. Inspection of Meat and Supervision of Food.

Milk

There are 2 producer/retailers selling milk in the district who hold licences for designated milk. There is one dealer selling T.T. Pasteurised and Sterilised milk who operate from a Dairy situated in the town.

Meat

There is one licensed slaughterhouse situated at the rear of No.8 Broad Street (Butcher's Shop)

Number of inspections of slaughterhouses.....	116.
Animals killed and inspected:-	
Cattle.....	242
Calves.....	1.
Sheep.....	965.
Pigs.....	306.

Foods condemned:- 31 tins.
(from shops)

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in whole or part

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed and inspected	242.	1.	965.	306.	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1.	1.	5.	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	35.	-	26.	7.	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticerci	14.8	100.	3.2	2.2	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	1.6	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Other Foods. There are 32 shops dealing in foods in your district and may be tabulated as follows:-

Grocers.....	10.
Greengrocer/Confectioners.....	3.
Grocer/Baker.....	1.
Fishmonger/Greengrocer.....	2.
Confectioner/Tobacconist.....	6.
Restaurants.....	4.
Fish and Chip shops.....	2.
Butchers.....	4.

Food Preparation Rooms (including bakehouses).

There are 9 such premises in the district as follows:-

- 4 butchers preparing pressed, pickled or potted meats and sausages.
- 4 premises where food is prepared in cafes and 1 baking.

No special examination of shop's stock or consignment of food had been necessary during the year.

Ice-Cream Premises.

There are 12 retailers of ice cream in your district, 10 of these sell pre-packed ice cream, one is a producer/retailer, and one makes his product by the cold mix.

No samples were submitted for analysis during the year.

Fried Fish Shops.

There are two such premises in the district.
Number of inspections made.....13.

Section 6. Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases.

The following case of notifiable infectious disease was reported to me during the year:-

Scarlet Fever.....1 case.

The district was, therefore, remarkably free from infectious disease.
No deaths occurred as a result of infectious disease.

Venereal Disease. The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea, for the treatment of these cases. The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

Tuberculosis. The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in recent years.

Number of cases on register at commencement of year.....14.
Number of fresh cases added during the year.....2.
Number of cases removed due to death.....0.
Number of cases removed as recovered.....0.
Number of cases removed as left district.....0.
Number of cases left on register at end of year.....16.

The number of notifications in recent years is shown below:-

1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.	1962.	1963.	1964.	1965.
4.	6.	1.	1.	2.	3.	2.	1.	1.	3.	2.

Hay Urban District

APPENDIX

Factories Acts 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1965 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HAY IN THE COUNTY OF BRECONSHIRE.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

Part 1 of the Act

1.- INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspect ions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	15	3	-	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	15	3	-	-

2.- Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases.)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding(S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation(S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	2	2	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	-	-

There was no outwork done in the district during the year.

Yours faithfully,

T.C.R.George,

Medical Officer of Health

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